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SOURCE: A former Cuban IS officer who served with the Cuban Intelligence Service until April 1964.

Headquarters Comments

1. The following report is one of a series containing personality information provided by the source and includes supplemental information from the records of this Agency.
2. It is requested that the addressees take no action on any of the individuals mentioned in the personality reports without first checking with this Agency.

Pedro FARINAS Diaz, pseudonym "Otoniel," is the chief of the Centros Legales (MS - Legal Centers) of the Direccion General de Inteligencia (DGI - General Directorate of Intelligence) in Cuba. The MS Department handles all incoming and outgoing material to and from legal field stations. Source met FARINAS at the DGI Headquarters in Cuba and through conversation with FARINAS found out that he was a DGI officer in Bolivia where he was an attache at the Cuban Embassy. Source saw FARINAS at the Cuban Embassy in Mexico on or about 21 or 22 March 1964; one day around 22 March 1964 they went sightseeing together. FARINAS travels frequently and he was possibly in transit to Chile and Bolivia when source saw him in Mexico. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Headquarters Comments

1. In a report dated 12 February 1963 it was stated that one Pedro FARINAS Diaz, a Cuban who was born on 1 February 1940, traveled from Lima to Santiago on 31 January 1963 by Canadian

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Pacific. He carried diplomatic passport number D-632 and his residence was listed as the Cuban Embassy, Santiago. A document dated 1 March 1963 reported that FARINAS traveled from Santiago to La Paz on 1 February 1963 and his passport number was recorded as D-632.

2. A fairly reliable source in a report dated 21 May 1963 told a representative of this Agency on 19 May 1963 that Pedro FARINAS Diaz, a Cuban intelligence officer in the Cuban Embassy in La Paz, contacted him and told him to begin a search for men who could be used to transmit arms from Bolivia to Peru. FARINAS also told source he should try to find a safe route from Bolivia to Peru in the area of Madre de Dios where border crossings could be made. A previous attempt to find a safe route ended in failure.
3. An untested source in a report dated 19 June 1963 stated that Pedro FARINAS Diaz, attache at the Cuban Embassy in La Paz and a suspected member of the Cuban intelligence service, left La Paz on Lloyd Aereo Boliviano on 18 June 1963 for Arica, Chile.
4. In a document dated 18 June 1963 it was stated that Pedro FARINAS Diaz, Cuban intelligence officer, is to return to Habana in the near future, possibly during the week of 17 June 1963. FARINAS planned to return to La Paz in two or three months.
5. A report dated 24 March 1964 stated that Pedro FARINAS Diaz, a Cuban intelligence officer formerly assigned to La Paz, departed La Paz on a permanent change of station in June 1963. This Agency's representatives suspected FARINAS to be traveling on a special mission.
6. In a 22 April 1964 report it was stated that Pedro FARINAS Diaz, Cuban diplomat assigned to La Paz, left Santiago for La Paz on 5 April 1964.

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